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APPLICANT: Wells OBRECHT

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FILED: July 25, 1997

EXAMINER: CRECCA, M.

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCURING GOODS IN AN
AUTOMATED MANNER

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, Wells Obrecht, being a citizen of the United States residing at 509 Edgevale Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21210 hereby declares and says as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter, in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/900,360 filed July 25, 1997. I am also the sole inventor of the priority document of that application which was a provisional application no. 60/023,282 filed July 25, 1996. All the work related to the subject matter of the present application and the provisional application was performed in the United States of America.

2. The Examiner in rejecting the claims in this application uses as one of the prior art references in a combination rejection, the article IBNL FORGES INTO THE FUTURE OF BUYING and selling with SOURCE INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE (January 10, 1996) identified as "X" in the Office Action of February 17, 2000.




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3. In a Declaration signed December 7, 1999, Exhibits were presented and explained which is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Before Exhibit A was printed, on or before January 10, 1996, which is the effective date of the "X" reference, I left my full time employment to work on the invention in the context claimed. Less than three weeks from the date of January 10, 1996, I worked on drafts of the Exhibit A, titled "High Level Design Automotive Live Market Exchange System". Accordingly, the totality of the evidence presented in the previous declaration and here establishes reduction to practice or conception of the invention with diligence to reduction of practice on or before the effective date of reference "X" (January 10, 1996).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Wells Obrecht

June 6, 2000
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